

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Emily Gross is a senior at Marion High School and plans to further her education after graduation; and,

Whereas, Emily is an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is an adult computer class volunteer in Marion. She has also been a member of the Sioux Valley Hospital Advisory Council in Sioux Falls and a Eucharistic minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marion; and,

Whereas, Emily was involved in an accident in September 2003, has had a number of surgeries and procedures, and is being faced with major reconstructive surgery on her jaw with teeth implants; and,

Whereas, Emily faced her recovery with faith, strength, courage and a strong will that one needs during such a challenging time. Emily has been an inspiration to her family and friends, who are hosting a benefit on April 3, 2005, at Marion, to offer support and to assist with the numerous expenses associated with her accident; and,

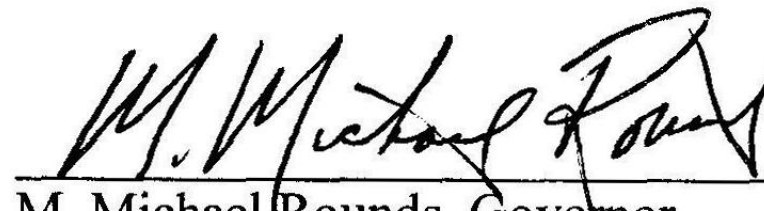
Whereas, Emily is a wonderful individual and a fantastic representative of the future of this state and nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2005, as

EMILY GROSS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

